



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mattole Road Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 35 T1S, R3E and Sections 2,3,10,16,22 T2S R1E Humboldt Base & Meridian Humboldt B&M	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct a shaded fuel break within fifty feet of both sides of Mattole Road. The project will provide the Humboldt Redwood State Park fire protection for the largest continuous stand of Old Growth redwoods in the world. Hazardous fuel loading will be greatly reduced. Emergency services and evacuation access for fire control and emergency response will be improved. Site disturbance will be limited to minor modification of vegetation. The project will include limbing, pruning and brushing the area. The resulting hazardous fuels will be treated by pruning and lopping and scattering. The removed brush trees and limbs will be treated on sight by lopping and scattering material to within eighteen inches of the ground. The resulting project area will result in a well-stocked stand of Douglas-fir, Redwood and Tan Oak trees with brush and ladder fuels and tree limbs removed. Consultation and Technical Assistance with the Redwood national Park Wildlife Biologist will avoid rare or endangered plants and avoid marbled murrelets.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 – Minor alterations to land - minor vegetation removal
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Section 15304 Minor alterations to land Class 4__ Section 15304 (i).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Consultation with United States Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife were conducted to assure the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant and animal species. Native American Cultural resource advisors were also consulted to assure no impacts to cultural resource would occur. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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